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SUBJECT: GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR CALLS ON SECRETARY

SUMMARY: MAY 16 GHANAIAN AMBASSADOR QUAISON-SACKEY CALLED
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ON THE SECRETARY. THE SECRETARY AGREED TO MEET
COMMISSIONER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FELLI WHEN LATTER IS
IN U.S. FOR SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. IN RESPONSE
TO QUAISON-SACKEY'S REQUEST THE SECRETARY OUTLINED U.S.
POSITION ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA. END SUMMARY.

1. QUAISON-SACKEY OPENED THE CONVERSATION BY EXPRESSING

HIS PLEASURE AT MEETING THE SECRETARY AND SAID HE HAD COME CHIEFLY TO PAY HIS RESPECTS. QUAISON-SACKEY CONTINUED THAT GHANAIA COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FELLI WOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. QUAISON-SACKEY SAID FELLI HAD NEVER BEEN IN WASHINGTON AND HOPED FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET THE SECRETARY. THE SECRETARY REPLIED HE WISHED TO MEET COMMISSIONER FELLI AND WOULD DO SO EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR IN NEW YORK. HE ASKED THAT AN APPOINTMENT BE ARRANGED.

2. QUAISON-SACKEY THEN RAISED SOUTHERN AFRICA AND NOTED GHANA'S CONCERN FOR APPARENT LACK OF PROGRESS IN RHODESIA. QUAISON-SACKEY SAID HE KNEW BOTH NKOMO AND MUGABE AND

THAT THE LATTER HAD TAUGHT IN GHANA AND HAD A GHANAIA WIFE.

3. THE SECRETARY REPLIED BY GIVING HIS EVALUATION OF THE MEETING IN APRIL AT DAR ES SALAAM. HE CALLED THE MEETING "PRODUCTIVE" AND NOTED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED (A) ON THE APPOINTMENT OF A RESIDENT COMMISSIONER WITH FULL POWERS, AND (B) ON THE ROLE OF THE UN TO SUPERVISE THE CEASE FIRE. HE SAID PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARDS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE OF THE POLICE. THE BASIC DIFFERENCE HAD ARISEN WITH REGARD TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL. NKOMO AND MUGABE HAD FIRST HELD

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OUT FOR A "DOMINANT POSITION" ON THE COUNCIL. THE U.S. HAD REPLIED THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO WORK OUT THESE DETAILS WITH ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED. NKOMO AND MUGABE THEN REDUCED THEIR DEMANDS TO "A MAJORITY OF ONE" BUT THE U.S. CONTINUED TO INSIST THAT THESE DETAILS MUST BE WORKED OUT AMONG CONCERNED PARTIES.

4. THE SECRETARY THEN DESCRIBED HIS VISIT TO SALISBURY. THE SECRETARY SAID HE WAS NOT CONVINCED IAN SMITH WAS PREPARED TO GIVE UP POWER. HOWEVER, THE SECRETARY SAID HE THOUGHT HE HAD CONVINCED THE RHODESIA LEADERSHIP THAT IF A SOLUTION WERE NOT FOUND SOON, FIGHTING WOULD CONTINUE WITH AN INCREASING CHANCE OF INVOLVEMENT BY OUTSIDE POWERS. THE SECRETARY SAID HE THOUGHT IAN SMITH, DAVID SMITH AND BISHOP MUZOREWA AGREED WITH THIS ANALYSIS, BUT THAT SITHOLE WAS LESS REALISTIC.

5. WITH REGARD TO THE NEXT MOVE, THE SECRETARY SAID U.S. AMBASSADOR LOW, AND THE FOREIGN AND COMMON WEALTH OFFICE DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY JOHN GRAHAM, WOULD SOON MEET IN LUSAKA WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND WITH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN SALISBURY, TO SEE IF THEY COULD

AGREE TO BRING ALL THE PARTIES TOGETHER. IN THIS RESPECT, THE ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS SHOULD BE REGARDED AS A SAFETY NET. WE WOULD CONTINUE TO PRESS THE FRONT LINE STATES TO MAKE PROGRESS.

6. TURNING TO NAMIBIA THE SECRETARY SAID THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE PROGRESS IS TO GET THE FRONT LINE STATES TO CALL A MEETING OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE CONTACT GROUP AND SWAPO TO RESOLVE THE 2 OR 3 REMAINING ISSUES. THE SECRETARY SAID HE DID NOT THINK THE PROBLEM OF WALVIS BAY WOULD BE NEGOTIATED NOW. ELECTIONS AND INDEPENDENCE SHOULD COME FIRST. AT AN APPROPRIATE TIME THE U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO STATE ITS VIEW THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON WALVIS BAY SHOULD TAKE PLACE, THAT ALL

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FACTORS, ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, CULTURAL, ETC., SHOULD BE CONSIDERED, AND THAT THE RESULT OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE THAT WALVIS BAY WOULD BE PART OF NAMIBIA.

7. IN RESPONSE TO QUAISON-SACKEY'S COMMENT REGARDING SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, THE SECRETARY SAID THAT PART OF THE PLAN IS TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM. THERE WOULD BE 5 TO 6 THOUSAND "UN PEOPLE," MANY OF THEM TROOPS, IN NAMIBIA. THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, OF 1,500 OR SO, WOULD BE ISOLATED. THE SECRETARY SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED THE FOREGOING POINTS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO SAM NUJOMA, AND THAT WHILE NUJOMA APPEARED TO AGREE AT THE END OF EVERY CONVERSATION, HE ALWAYS SLID BACK SHORTLY THEREAFTER. THE SECRETARY CONCLUDED BY SAYING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY CAN MAKE THIS WORK BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

8. AS THE MEETING ENDED, THE SECRETARY REPEATED HIS DESIRE TO SEE COMMISSIONER FELLI WHEN THE COMMISSIONER VISITS THE UNITED STATES.

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